THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Sir, the Lok Sabha adopted the resolution on 18.6.1977.

(b) Yes, Sir. Funds are allocated to the States annually.

(c) Both the Houses of Parliament passed the revised resolution, in May, 1988, to earmark 5% of the basic price of petrol and diesel out of the duties of customs & excise levied on the same.

Capital Restructuring Plan of Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.

*12. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOY-AL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what financial assistance has so far been given to Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. under the capital restructuring plan as reported in the Economic Times of 23rd December, 1996;

(b) in what manner Government propose to revamp or have revamped the capital of this shipyard;

(c) what are Government's future plans so that its joint venture with the Norwegian Ship Building gets a fresh lease; and

(d) what is the health of different major shipyards in the country and what is the yard stick to measure their health?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (c) In order to revamp Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. (HSL), Visakhapatnam, the Government has restructured the capital base of the company by writing off Government loans and interest thereon to the tune of Rs. 470.93 crores and by converting Government loans into equity to the tune of Rs. 120.20 crores. Besides, Government has extended guarantee to Mate Bank ot India's outstanding loan amounting to Rs. 173.23 crores. Further, the Government has reintroduced Shipbuilding Subsidy Scheme for a period of 5 years which, inter alia, provides for payment of 30% subsidy by the Government to Indian shipyards both for domestic as well as export orders.

The process of formation of Joint Ventures with foreign yards including the Norwegian offer would get facilitated by these developments.

(d) Barring Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Ltd., Rajabagan Dockyard of CIWTC, which are sick units, other major Public Sector shipyards viz. Cochin Shipyard Ltd., Goa Shipyard Ltd., Mazagon Dock Ltd. and Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers have been earning operating profits.

A unit becomes sick if its accumulated losses are more than its net worth.

राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों को चोड़ा करने के लिए विश्व बैंक से सहायाता

*13.**प्रो. रामबख्त सिंह वर्मा**:क्या जल भुतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार देश में राजमार्गों को चौड़ा करने और उनमें सुधार लाने के लिए विश्व बैंक से सहायता लेने पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) राजमार्गों की स्थिति में सुधार के लिए विगत में विश्व बैंक से कब सहातया प्राप्त की गई थीं?

जल भुतल परिवहन मंत्री (श्री टी.जी. वेकट. रामन): (क) जी हां।

(ख) भारतीय राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण ने दिल्ली से कलकता और चेत्रई से मदुरै मार्ग के लिए साध्यता अध्ययन शुरू किया है। उसके बाद इन परियोजनाओं को ऋण सहायता के लिए विश्व बैंक के समक्ष रखा जाएगा।